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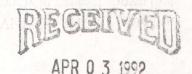
RE: Stipulation and Consent Order, March 6, 1991, Goldstrike Mine

Dear Mr. Kluksdahl:

We have reviewed Tenneco's compliance status with the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued in March 1991 and the subsequent Stipulation and Consent Order. The review in general shows that Tenneco responded to all orders and has completed all necessary investigations as directed. However, while the investigation of the clay liners beneath the process ponds has been completed, the issue of reclamation (Consent Order 4) has not been satisfactorily addressed.

The results of the investigation on the clay beneath the barren pond showed contamination. Therefore, we are directing Tenneco to proceed with developing a reclamation plan for the clay liners and a portion of Pad 1. This is to be submitted to the DWQ for review by June 1, 1992. Upon acceptance, it is our intention to have the plan included with the decommissioning procedures covered in the ground water discharge permit and due in August 1992.

We conclude that continued ground water monitoring will be required to determine if any remedial action or clean up of ground water will be required. Tenneco should continue to monitor the wells as required by the ground water discharge permit UGW530001.



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If you have any questions, call Mack Croft or Larry Mize at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

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